## BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF THE NORTH
SNAKE GROUND WATER DISTRICT
AND MAGIC VALLEY GROUND
WATER DISTRICT FOR APPROVAL
OF A PRELIMINARY MITIGATION
PLAN

NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On October 10, 2003, the North Snake Ground Water District and Magic Valley Ground Water District (collectively referred to as "the districts") submitted an Application for Approval of Preliminary Mitigation Plan (plan) to the Department of Water Resources (Department). The Department will process this plan pursuant to the Department's Conjunctive Management Rules (IDAPA 37, Title 03, Chapter 11). Notices of the districts' plan were published on November 5 & 12, 2003 in the South Idaho Press (Burley), the Minidoka County News (Rupert) and the Wood River Journal (Hailey), and on November 6 & 13, 2003 in the Times News (Twin Falls), the Idaho Statesman (Boise), the Gooding County Leader (Gooding), and the North Side News (Jerome). Notices were also served by email on individuals and entities that have expressed interest or participated in other proceedings related to conjunctive management of ground water and surface water in the area of Thousand Springs. The notices stated that protests against the mitigation plan must be filed on or before November 24, 2003. Protests against approval of the plan were filed by the individuals and entities listed in the attached Certificate of Service. Copies of the application and the protests can be viewed on the Department's website at www.idwr.state.id.us under News & Events.

NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Director will preside over a prehearing

conference at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 9, 2003 at the KMVT Community Room, 1100

Blue Lakes Blvd. North, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 to address the management of this proceeding.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the parties should come to the prehearing conference

prepared to propose and discuss the schedule for a hearing and related hearing preparation. All parties

should bring scheduling calendars to the prehearing conference to identify dates for a hearing and other

proceedings.

The conference will be conducted in a facility that satisfies the accessibility requirements of the

Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require special accommodations in order to attend, participate

in or understand the conference, please advise the department, at telephone number (208) 327-7910,

within (5) days prior to the conference.

Please park in the designated parking area and do not block the fire lanes at either side of

the building.

Dated this 25th day of November 2003.

/Signed/

KARL J. DREHER

Director